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HOUSE BILL NO. **216**

Introduced by HON. EUFRANIO C. ERIGUEL, M.D.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill, which was previously filed in the 15th Congress and approved by the House of Representatives on third reading, seeks to convert the Land Transportation Office (LTO) Extension Office located in the Municipality of Agoo, Province of La Union into a regular LTO District Office.

The Municipality of Agoo is a first-class municipality situated at the heart of the Second District of La Union. Due to its strategic location, an Extension Office of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) was established in Agoo in 1979. This is one of the only three LTO offices in the province, the first one being a regular District Office at San Fernando City, the provincial capital, and the other one being an Extension Office at the Municipality of Naguilian.

The Agoo LTO Extension Office has been serving seven municipalities in the Second District, namely Agoo, Aringay, Caba, Pugo, Rosario, Sto. Tomas and Tubao. Agoo is 35 kilometers away from San Fernando City while the other six municipalities are nearer to Agoo than San Fernando. For example, the distance between Pugo and Agoo is only 20 kilometers. Another example is Sto. Tomas, which is 42 kilometers away from the capital but only 7 kilometers away from Agoo.

The strategic location and distance of the LTO Agoo Office to the abovementioned seven municipalities as compared to the LTO San Fernando Office show that it is more advantageous and convenient for the constituents to transact at the existing

LTO Agoo Extension Office. Moreover, the LTO Agoo Extension Office serves clients coming from neighboring towns of Pozorubio, San Fabian and Sison in the Province of Pangasinan and Tuba in the Province of Benguet.

In a feasibility study conducted by the LTO Region 1, based on the "Guidelines for the Creation of LTO Offices, Conversion of Extension Offices into Regular Offices, and Upgrading of LTO District Offices' Classification," the Regional Office recommends the conversion of the LTO Agoo Extension Office into a regular district office. In 2010, 18,960 motor vehicles were registered in the Office. In the same year, the Office handled 5,618 license transactions and a total of 52,317 motor vehicle registration transactions. In four years, it has tripled its total revenue collections to P27,596,000.00 in 2010.

In line with the government's objective to provide fast and efficient public service, the conversion of the Agoo LTO Extension Office into a regular District Office will help ease the burden put upon the shoulders of our constituents in the registration of their motor vehicles and application for driver's license by providing convenience and hopefully, in the long run, improving our land transport system.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) EXTENSION
OFFICE LOCATED IN AGOO, LA UNION INTO A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT
OFFICE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. The existing Land Transportation Office (LTO) Extension Office located in the Municipality of Agoo in the Province of La Union is hereby converted into a regular LTO District Office.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of Transportation and Communications shall issue rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Transportation and Communications shall immediately include in the Department's programs the operationalization of a regular LTO District Office in Agoo, La Union, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following the completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,